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§5–1208.

Prior to submitting any recommendations to the Governor with respect to the suitability of any area for preservation as wildland the Secretary shall:

(1) Give the public notice he deems appropriate of the proposed action, including publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the vicinity of the affected land;

(2) Announce and then hold a public hearing at a location convenient to the area affected. A hearing shall be announced by any means the Secretary deems appropriate, including notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area but, if the lands involved are located in more than one county, the hearing shall be held in the county in which the greatest portion of the land lies; and

(3) At least 30 days before the date of a hearing, advise the governing board of each county in which the lands are located, and State departments and units concerned and invite these officials and State units to submit their views on the proposed action at the hearing or not later than 30 days following the date of the hearing. Any view submitted to the Secretary under the provisions of this section with respect to any area shall be included with any recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly with respect to that area.

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